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PASS SPECIAL AGENT PAUL GLADDIS, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE,
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SUBJ: ILLEGAL SHIPMENTS OF PNG WILDLIFE TO U.S.

REF: STATE 87550

1. DEPUTY TO MAX DOWNES, PNG CHIEF WILDLIFE SECTION, DEPT AGRICULTURE, STOCK AND FISHERIES, PRESENTED LETTER TO CONGEN FROM WAYNE KING OF NEW YORK ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY REGARDING WHAT WE BELIEVE ISSUE RAISED IN REFTEL. THE LETTER REQUESTS EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING OF INFO REQUESTS RE SMUGGLING OPERATION INVOLVING LARGE SHIPMENTS OF ANIMALS FROM PNG TO U.S. GIVING SPECIAL AGENT PAUL GLADDIS AS RECIPIENT.

2. DOWNES AND STAFF WISH TO BE FULLY RESPONSIVE, BUT NEED TO CLARIFY INFO NEEDS AND HAVE REQUESTED CONGEN QUERRY GLADDIS ON FOLLOWING POINTS: 1) LETTER REQUESTED DATA ON EXPORT PERMITS ISSUED LAST TWO YEARS. DOWNES WANTS TO KNOW EXACT DATES INCLUSIVE REQUIRED. 2) IS GLADDIS REQUESTING LISTING OF ALL EXPORT PERMITS ISSUED DURING PERIOD (WHICH INCLUDES HUNDREDS) OR ONLY THOSE FOR U.S.? 3) DOES INQUIRY CONCERN ALL ANIMALS, E.E. BIRDS, MAMALS, REPTILES, OR JUST ONE CLASS? 4) DOES GLADDIS NEED INFO ON DEAD CREATURES AS WELL AS THOSE SHIPPED LIVE?

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3. DOWNES STRESSED NEED TO BE SPECIFIC AS GENERAL TONE OF REQUEST NECESSITATES MINIMUM FOUR FULL WORKING DAYS FOR HIS STAFF TO ACCOMPLISH TASK AND HE WOULD LIKE TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY REQUIREMENTS IF ANY.

4. IF CUSTOMS AND WILDLIFE AGENTS HAVE DEFINITE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF SUPPLIERS IN PNG, DOWNES WOULD LIKE THOSE NAMES ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. HE EXPECTS ADDITIONAL USEFUL INFO COULD BE OBTAINED FROM FILES HERE WHICH MIGHT PROVE USEFUL TO PROSECUTION OF INDIVIDUALS IN U.S. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO VERIFY NAMES OF SUPPLIERS WITH LIST AT PNG CUSTOMS AND WILDLIFE IN ORDER IMPROVE CONTROL AND AID PROSECUTION EFFORTS HERE AS WELL. ACCORDING TO PNG OFFICIALS, A GOODLY NUMBER OF AMERICANS HAVE BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED IN CONTRAVENING PNG WILDLIFE PROTECTION LAWS AND HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE CLOSER WORKING RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED WITH APPROPRIATE U.S. AGENCIES.

5. DOWNES WILL SEND REPLY TO GLADDIS THROUGH CONGEN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REPLY TO THIS CABLE.
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